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Honorable Bella S. Abzug, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Government Information and
Individual Rights
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

This is in reply to your letter of 20 May 1976 concerning the index regarding the Agency's past mail intercept program.

A study has been undertaken as indicated in your letter. It includes the extent of the indices and will be based upon a detailed review of available recordkeeping data supplemented by the personal recollection of available persons who were involved in the program.

The report of the study will be submitted to you as soon as possible after completion in accordance with your request.

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

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May 20, 1976

Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Bush:

I have been informed by your staff that certain questions have arisen about the completeness of an index used to respond to Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act inquiries regarding the CIA's mail interception programs. As noted in the government's motion to vacate judgment filed in the Kipperman case in the Northern District of California, the Central Intelligence Agency can no longer state with assurance whether the mail interception index it has relied upon is complete. I understand that a task force within the Agency is examining the matter -- both as to why there was no complete record of the mail intercepts made, and as to why the inaccuracies in the record relied upon were overlooked by CIA personnel in answering citizen inquiries and court affidavits.

Please have a complete report of the matter submitted to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Bella Abzug

BELLA S. ABZUG
Chairwoman

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FROM: STAT
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TO :	DATE OF REQUEST
FROM :	SUSPENSE DATE 27 May 1976

SUBJECT: Letter to Chairwoman Bella S. Abzug

NOTES

Bella S. Abzug has written to the Director requesting a copy of the study now being prepared on the mail intercept program for the court in the Kipperman case.

The study will be provided to Chairwoman Abzug at the same time it is provided to the court.

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